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may be presumed, a necessary sequence to the construction of a metropolitan park for the House. The effort to retrench cannot be merely pressed, but as judging the *raison d'être* of the park it was necessary to show that due vigilance was being exercised. This was observed, and that the pruning was not a mere expedient for economy involving public expenditure. But if it is any one branch of the public administration with which thoughtless interference should be deprecated it is this one, where as it is of public interest that the public service should be free from such in such a state of immaturity. Little more than eighteen months has elapsed since the Department-General of Forests commenced his duties. And in a sphere of operations embracing the entire of the colony, it is by no means surprising that the preliminary work of gathering information might fairly task the efforts of even as energetic an officer as Mr. EDWIN BROWN, though no grudge need be presented against him. It is, however, a serious loss of the most valuable kind in forest preservation, improvement of forest areas,

As a Papal encyclical to the French bishops Pope Leo XIII. deplores the fact that a vast pact against Christianity has been concocted in France. He repudiates the "unholy alliance" between socialism and domination over the State, and urges a frank acceptance of the Republic by the French bishops and clergy.

Passenger Censor has accepted the resignation of his assistants and colleagues. There is an impression in Paris that M. Ribot has been entrusted with the formation of a new Cabinet.

The sixth annual Eight-hour Movement of the Western miners took place at the Coal Mining Exhibition, which was held at the racetrack, at which Mr. Sydney Smith, M.L.A., delivered a speech referring to the attitude he assumed in regard to the Coal Mining Bill.

The British Government has apportioned a sum of £40,000 for the construction of lighthouses in the Red Sea.

At a meeting of the "Timberland Farmers' Union," held Saturday, a motion protesting against the passing of the bill for taxing apple to subsidize the maple export was carried. It was decided to issue copies of petitions against the bill, and to send them to the various members of the Legislature, so that they

tree-planting are recorded; while the State has been laid for a scheme of re-forestation that, properly carried out, would not only protect the most valuable assets and sources of revenue possessed by the State. Simply to say, one of the points of objection raised was the expenditure in timbering operations. There, it is pointed out, by the Government, of the department remaining in his office and continuing himself to operations founded on the basis of his own inner convictions. But it is the apparent ubiquity of the Departmental, and his seeing with his own eyes the results of the Government's expenditure, that require strength and capacity, that afford strongest assurance that the new work of forest preservation and extension is being left to haphazard; and that whatever expenditure is made, it is not made with accurate personal knowledge which would of all things the most likely to lead to the best results.

An honourable member was pleased to say that the money that the department could save by the proposed scheme, it would be well if he had indicated

On Friday night the windolned on Mr. G. E. Walford's Engervo station was destroyed by fire. A PERSONAL INQUIRY has bill has been introduced into the Assembly for the purpose of estimating the cost of the proposed railway. It is estimated that it will yield \$2,000,000.

It is reported that Dr. Pearson, M.L.A. for East Bourke Boroughs in Victoria, will be appointed to succeed the late Mr. J. Cashel Hoey as secretary to the Government.

A BILL for the restriction of immigration has been introduced to the German Reichstag. By it societies are forbidden to assist emigrants.

THE International cricket match, New South Wales v. Lord Sheffield's Eleven, was continued on Saturday afternoon at Sydney on Saturday. The Englishmen completed their first innings for 414 runs, and when the stumps were drawn New South Wales had lost five wickets for 100 runs.

DEPOSED the late Minister for Public Works in London to accept tenders for works to the amount of £135,000.

THE work of registration was continued at the Government Labor Bureau until noon on Saturday. About 1500 applications have now been registered.

ON Saturday Lord Jersey and his daughter Lady

probable that the wealth of New South Wales would have been greater to-day to an extent equal to the whole of our State debt. The only thing to be regretted about our Forestry Department is that it has been so late in coming into existence; and now that it has commenced operations under the guidance of an officer in whom the whole people of the colony, including even the hostile critics of the department in the Assembly, regard with confidence, no more unfortunate selection could have been made for indulging in a cheese-paring system.

On the value of the conservation of forests, and the importance of the reforestation of land that has been denuded of trees, there is probably no difference

of opinion in Australia; and if that
view is to be carried out effectively
it can only be by the aid of the
State. The returns pecuniary, though
great, are not usually so immediate as
to tempt private enterprise on a large scale;
and the benefits are so general and so far-
reaching that the inducement to the
proper scope of state-manship. The effects
of forest growth in modifying climate : in
increasing and equalising rainfall; in
conserving the water supply and
giving it forth when most needed;
in shelter from heat and cold to naked
wastes, in modifying hot winds and de-
riving them of their parching character,
which is so destructive to vegetation; in
lessening and controlling winds; in
tracting the atmosphere and producing
condensation of vapour, even in purifying
the atmosphere itself, are generally admitted;
and in most of these respects there is no
other portion of the world where the re-
sults are so manifestly and so generally
desirable than in Australia. Next to the
damning of river courses, and drawing up

waters from their subterranean reservoirs for fertilising the soil by irrigation, must come the re-arresting of that water when it flows away. And this is one of the great functions of forest vegetation; and it is probable that by a large increase of forest growth over the wide, and as present, arid and semi-arid areas, the meteorological changes of the most important kind may be effected in the character of the climate of Australia. But apart from these advantages, it is an indisputable fact that the promotion of the growth of forest is a most profitable enterprise to the State. If this were the only purpose contemplated, objection might naturally be raised by those who hold that the State should be restricted to the promotion of profitable enterprises or industries for profit. But if there is any class of work in which the State might be justified in becoming an extensive employer of labour, or any direction in which State collectivism is justified, it is in the direction in which the whole climatic conditions of

the country, as well as the productiveness of the soil, would be materially affected for the better; while at the same time great pecuniary gain and inevitably commensurate increase to the resources of the State. For there could probably be no found in which the State could more profitably use its funds than in that small expenditure which is incurred in the planting of valuable timber and the consequent saving of the raising of loans and the construction of public works, a very small proportionate amount were invested in the creation of State forests, posterity if not ourselves would reap the benefit. It is true that this would go a long way, if so desired, towards wiping out the financial liabilities of the State when in the process of time became due.

The results of the harvests of the past year in the leading Australian colonies have not given much encouragement to those who desire to force wheat-growing enterprise. In South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales there was an

aggregating 105,000 acres. The total in New South Wales, according to the estimate of Mr. COCKLAIN, is 318,000 acres. The estimate of the Victorian area by the *Australasian* is 1,247,000 acres, and the estimate of the area by the *Adelaide Register* give an estimate of about 1,544,000 acres as the area in South Australia from which the crop was reaped. If we go back five years we find that in New South Wales the wheat area was 380,000 acres, in Victoria 1,200,000 acres, and in South Australia 1,950,000 acres. The production since 1886 has decreased from 3,571,000 acres to 3,109,000 acres. All, therefore, who look to the development of wheat-growing in the master of the Australian property cannot take very much encouragement from what the farmers are doing in this direction. The question involved is a very serious one. What is occurring appears to show that the wheat and sheep and other countries in which production for the supply of the British market.

The political aspect of this reduction in

If Parliament sanctions Customs Duties Bill, it may stimulate wheat-growing to the maximum, the requirements of which are 300,000 acres. It will create the conditions which Southern colonies are rapidly taking export trade in wheat.

The fall of the Ministry of Finance affects another question revolving kaleidoscope of politics. His Government has longer lease of power than has the fortune of many preceding Administrations whose frequent successions have been the cause of the most lamentable case of the close student of the elements in government of that people. Mr. DE FREYBERG succeeded Premier and Minister of Finance. Mr. DE FREYBERG has not meant the duration of his Government affords some evidence of a growing flotation of the many parties and dissident elements that are the outcome of

the wheat area of the continent presents a feature of such magnitude that it is not to be regretted that politics and agriculture should be connected as they have been by a section of the people; for since politicians have sought to force the farmers to grow wheat by the imposition of a protective tariff, and to suppress harvest stores to furnish evidence of the folly of the policy. Protection is rapidly killing the industry. South Australia was a wheat-growing country long before any other, and in the first half of the century, per cent, on grain was imported it already cultivated an area for wheat of over 1,900,000 acres. So far from that duty having the effect of extending the industry, it has within a few years decreased the area of land under wheat decreased by over 100,000 acres. Then the ridiculous proposition of increasing the duty to 25 per cent was carried into effect, with the consequence that the wheat area of the continent the estimated this year being that only 1,544,000 will be reaped. Not only have the

duties failed to inadequate the industry, they
 have been inadequate to arrest its decay.
 In Victoria the same agent points out
 that the Government has been almost as
 strong. Possibly the farmers almost have
 given a stimulus to rising-growing.
 But without it, as in South Australia,
 the industry would have grown up, and to-day
 it would have been a more important
 than it is at present. For since 1853,
 when the area under wheat was
 1,104,000 acres, the industry has made
 very little progress; indeed, not so much
 as in New South Wales. Long ago the
 duty of import duty on seed had
 ceased to be of any possible service to
 the farmers of Victoria. They must have
 become convinced how delusive was the offer
 of an increase of the duty to 2d 1/2 per
 bushel. As the result of this, the
 higher duty have been so unobtainable,
 that the area under wheat, Mr. HARRIS
 returns show that, as long ago as 1857, the

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